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SUBJECT: SOVIET-EGYPTIAN COMMUNIQUE

GENEVA FOR MEPC DEL

1. SUMMARY. SOVIET-EGYPTIAN COMMUNIQUE (TASS ENGLISH WIRE APRIL 22) APPEARS TO PROVIDE MOSCOW WITH LONG SOUGHT-AFTER ASSURANCE FROM THE EGYPTIANS THAT ANY FURTHER STEPS TOWARD A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT WILL TAKE PLACE ONLY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE MEPC. HOWEVER, COMMUNIQUE BREAKS NO SIGNIFICANT NEW GROUND ON JOINT POSITIONS ABOUT EITHER TIMING FOR GENEVA OR PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE. ONLY NEW ELEMENT IN FORMULA ABOUT
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THE BASIS FOR A SETTLEMENT IS JOINT ENDORSEMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN

RIGHT TO CREATE A "STATE" AND THIS IS NEW ONLY IN THE SOVIET-EGYPTIAN CONTEXT. COMMUNIQUE OFFERS NO CLEAR INDICATION OF ANY MAJOR BREAKTHROUGHS ON BILATERAL AFFAIRS. END SUMMARY.

2. MAIN NEW ELEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST IN SOVIET-EGYPTINA COMMUNIQUE IS JOINT ENDORSEMENT OF THE MEPC AS THE VENUE WHERE ANY "PARTIAL MEASURES" OR DECISIONS ON THEM "MUST BE WORKED OUT AND TAKEN." THE SOVIETS THUS APPEAR TO HAVE RECEIVED EGYPTIAN ASSURANCE THAT THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER RELIANCE BY CAIRO ON AN EXCLUSIVE U.S. ROLE. THIS LANGUAGE WOULD ALSO APPEAR TO CIRCUMSCRIBE--IF NOT EXCLUDE ALTOGHEHER--ANOTHER ROUND OF SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY. IN ADDITION, COMMUNIQUE ALSO MEETS LONG-STANDING SOVIET POSITION BY JOINTLY PLEDGING THAT ANY FURTHER PARTIAL MEASURES "MUST BE A COMPONENT, INSEPARABLE PART OF A GENERAL SETTLEMENT."

3. COMMUNIQUE APPEARS TO BREAK NO NEW GROUND ON TIMING FOR RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. PARTIES CALL FOR ITS RECONVENING "AT THE EARLIEST DATE." THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO OFFICIAL REFERENCE OT A JUNE OPENING, WHICH FAHMY IS REPORTED (IN PRESS STORIES FROM CAIRO) TO HAVE CLAIMED THE SOVIETS PROPOSED. IN ADDITION, THE COMMUNIQUE SOUNDS CAUTIONARY WARNING --A LA KOSYGIN'S SPEECH APRIL 19--THAT CAREFUL PREPARATION MUST BE MADE FOR THE CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO ASSURE ITS SUCCESS.

4. ON THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, THE PARTIES--ADDING NOTHING NEW TO PREVIOUSLY AGREED JOINT POSITIONS"--REAFFIRM THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PLO MUST TAKE PART IN THE MEPC ON AN EQUAL FOOTING WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS. HOWEVER, THEY LEAVE OPEN THE QUESTION OF THE TIMING OF PLO ATTENDANCE. ON QUESTION OF COMMUNIQUE GOES SOMEWHAT FURTHER THAN DID THE STATEMENT FOLLOWING GROMYKO'S VISIT TO CAIRO IN FEBRUARY BY SUPPORTING THE PALESTINIANS' RIGHT TO CREATE THEIR OWN "STATE."

5. COMMUNIQUE PROVIDES NO REAL INSIGHT INTO POSSIBLE MOVEMENT TOWARD IMPROVED BILATERAL AFFAIRS. IT SIMPLY AFFIRMS THE PARTIES' WISH TO DEEPEN BILATERAL RELATIONS AND PLEDTES EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION.

6. THE REFERENCE TO "IMPERIALIST FORCES" BACKING ISRAEL, WHILE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT STANDARD FOR RECENT SOVIET-EGYPTIAN COMMUNIQUE, IS NOT UNPRECEDENTED IN THEM.

7. FULLER EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF THE VISIT WILL FOLLOW WHEN WE HAVE A CHANCE TO REACH THE EGYPTIANS HERE AND OTHER LOCAL SOURCES.
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